

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Examiner: David J. Steadman  
Brian ANDERTON et al. :  
Application No. 10/562,951 : Group Art Unit: 1656  
Filing Date: April 20, 2006 : Attorney Docket No.: 0380-P03923US0  
For: SCREENING METHODS : Confirmation No.: 8723

**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):**

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$65 to cover this fee. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR  
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the May 12, 2009 Official Action, and the Advisory Action of November 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: